

WHAT IS THE IDAHO ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM

On January 2, 2009, the process for filing a death certificate in the state will undergo a major change when the Bureau of Vital Records implements the Idaho Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS). The primary purpose of an EDRS is to enable the participants of death registration to file death records with the State Registrar electronically. The EDRS provides for on-line access so that decedent fact-of-death and cause-of-death information can be registered by multiple death registration participants working on the same case. With an EDRS, the ability to report cause-of-death with increased accuracy and timeliness can be an integral part of patient care and will also improve cause-of-death data for disease surveillance systems. The development of the EDRS will provide you and your staff with a tool that results in a considerable amount of time savings, and families will be better served by receiving certified copies of death certificates in a quicker manner.

KEY FEATURES OF THE IDAHO ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM

- ✓ Provides for the paperless filing of a death record, eliminating the hassle of coordinating schedules among medical staff and funeral home personnel to collect signatures.
- ✓ Built-in system edits will prompt the user if further clarification surrounding the facts of death is needed; significantly reducing the number of post filing amendments that are made to the death certificate.
- ✓ The expedited filing of the death certificate will better serve family members by providing them with certified copies of the death certificate in a timelier manner.
- ✓ The system will provide an e-mail notification to physicians when the electronic death record is ready for medical certification, or will even allow physicians to complete the certification of death at the time of death.
- ✓ Conforms to the initiatives outlined in the resolution adopted by the American Medical Association (AMA) in 2002 that calls for an improvement in the uniformity of cause-of-death reporting.
- ✓ Death Certificate queries and Supplemental additions can be completed electronically.
- ✓ Improves fraud prevention by using electronic authentication through the use of an electronic PIN certification.
- ✓ User friendly data entry screens
- ✓ Highly secure internet transmission
- ✓ System availability 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- ✓ On-line help and instructions built into the system
- ✓ A help desk support team will be available to assist physicians or their staff with any questions or problems encountered while navigating through the application.
- ✓ Facilitates on-line collaboration among multiple death registration system users (morticians and funeral directors, physicians, physician assistants, county coroners, advanced practice professional nurses, and state and local registrars).

HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT IN THE EDRS

Please contact our field staff members Greg Heitman (208) 334-5986 or Jeremy Peterson (208) 334-5989 (or email us at idahoedr@dhw.idaho.gov) to acquire your electronic credentials for participation in the Electronic Death Registration System.

You can keep updated as to the status of the project by visiting our website at <http://www.edr.dhw.idaho.gov>.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

1.0 GHz PC with 512 MB RAM (or higher)

Windows 2000, Windows XP SP2 (32 bit operating system)

Web Browser (Internet Explorer 5 or greater)

Internet service access via DSL or greater

At least 800 x 600 resolution with 256 colors

17 inch monitor recommended

A Windows compatible laser printer

Adobe Acrobat Reader

Macromedia Flash Player

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